

PROPOSED MERGER  
OF "FORT WAYNE REPEATER  
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FORT WAYNE RADIO  
CLUB

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TO: Members of the Fort Wayne Repeater Association  
FROM: FWRA Management Council

SUBJECT: Proposed Merger between Fort Wayne Repeater Association and the  
Fort Wayne Radio Club

The Management Council and the Executive Committee of the Club met in a joint session in February to work out a merger agreement to combine the two organizations for the benefit of Amateur Radio in the Fort Wayne area. A tentative agreement between the two bodies was reached. That agreement was published in the March HAMSPLATTER and was sent to all FWRA members.

After consultation with their membership, the Executive Committee redrafted the proposal and agreement. The Management Council reviewed this new draft and felt that the modified agreement would not be in the best interests of the FWRA. The FWRC Executive Committee felt that the original agreement would not be in the best interests of the Club.

The differences of opinion seem to be too great to resolve in a short time. It was mutually agreed that the merger negotiations be tabled. This is an honest difference of opinion and it is hoped by all that at some time in the future discussions can be resumed. No date will be set.

For all practical purposes, the merger is off!

It has been a real pleasure for the Management Council to have explored the possibilities of merger and to have worked with the people of the Executive Committee. It is regretful that we could not consummate this promising idea. Perhaps we have laid the groundwork for the future. We understand that each organization has its own specific goals and objectives which it must pursue in the best interests of the members.

Should any new developments occur we will inform you.







MEMBER

THE FORT WAYNE RADIO CLUB, INC.

SINCE 1920



MEMBER

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
MARCH 30, 1979

TO: FWRA Management Council

As a result of tonight's meeting of the FWRC Executive Committee, I have been directed to send you the enclosed document which outlines our merger plan.

We feel that this plan contains all of the points which will allow the merger to be accepted by the FWRC membership. We also feel that this plan will allow the 16/1.76 repeater system to continue to provide Fort Wayne with excellent service.

Note that our position is that Phase I of the plan has been in effect for some time now. We feel that the three new Management Council appointees should begin their functions as soon as possible to assist you and your system.

The enclosed draft copy will form the basis of the formal agreement to be signed upon completion of the Phase I. Please review it and contact Bill Kindred with your comments.

cc: R. CRONIN  
D. HAYHURST  
A. WOZNIAK  
J. KETRING  
W. KINDRED

For the Committee,  
Ronald J. Kozor  
K9ZVS







Bill Kindred:  
for March newsletter

Over the last six or seven years, the FWRC has <sup>been</sup> expanding. Its activities have expanded, its service-to-members has expanded, and, as a result, its membership has expanded. From a small group with a big name, FWRC has become a big group with a big name. We have assumed responsibilities, ~~and~~ fulfilled obligations, and had fun in the process!

Well, we are expanding again. The FWRC was approached by The Management Council of the Fort Wayne Repeater Association to discuss a merger of the groups under the Fort Wayne Radio Club. Several meetings and informal discussions were held, and a working arrangement has been worked out. The understanding is included elsewhere in this issue.

In summary, the ~~agreement~~ <sup>arrangement</sup> calls for the FWRA Management Council to continue to operate the FWRA repeaters. FWRC will appoint members to the FWRA Management Council. Initially, the two groups will continue to exist as separate entities. We will be "engaged" but not "married!" If all runs well, and if FWRC proves itself worthy, the Management Council will become a function of FWRC.

Initially the management, liabilities, and treasuries will be kept separate. Two separate







For the time being, this means that membership in FWRC does not give repeater privileges

memberships will exist with neither group's members ~~being~~ being obligated to join the other group (although a significant number of FWRA members are already FWRC members).

There are reservations on both sides concerning this merger. ~~but they are minor and will disappear with time.~~ The FWRA Management Council is concerned whether the FWRC can provide a long term commitment to keep the .76 and .91 repeaters operational with the <sup>same</sup> high quality that they have now. The FWRC Executive Committee is concerned that having a repeater activity in the Club will change the character of the Club and overwhelm all else. The precedent for this happening exists right here in town.

Obviously both governing groups feel that the benefits outweigh possible risks. Most of the Most members of the two groups feel that the "engagement" period will serve to eliminate these worries. Both groups will benefit from an ultimate merger. ~~FWRA~~ The Repeater Association ~~will~~ gain something it has lacked... vitality. The machines operated by FWRA are first class. They are there to be used. Yet most of the time they are idle. Sure that's nice for the few people who do use them. But is that worth the cost and effort... to keep a few people happy? The .91







and .76 repeaters will keep their same subdued, professional character. But with FWRC involvement, the number of stations monitoring the channel will increase. Hopefully when strangers pass thru town and seek road information, their choice will be better than a repeater that's always in use, or one when no one answers!

FWRA will also gain an organ of communication ... The HAMSPLATTER. The FWRA members will begin receiving HAMSPLATTER this month and will continue to receive it. Hopefully, HAMSPLATTER will provide at least a page of repeater-oriented articles for the FWRC/FWRA repeater users. The Management Council will have access to its members <sup>than Hams</sup>.

FWRA may gain another important benefit. Right now FWRA is a group of 160 people who send in \$12 each year to some P.O. Box ... and that's it. They don't know each other, they're not interested in each other, and usually they don't talk to each other. How many times have you called for a contact on .76 and ~~heard~~ were answered by deafening silence? Chances are 15 or 20 people heard your call but didn't answer simply because they didn't know you. FWRA is like FWRC was 10 years ago ... a number of





We'll not spend time sending weather reports across town just to be saying something. We'll not allow FWRC to become subservient to the repeater and its needs. It will be just another FWRC activity.

Ultimately, FWRC will have a public service opportunity only peripherally available to it now.

(Something like FWRC ten years ago)

~~without~~ individuals with little "common" sense (not common <sup>in the common sense</sup> sense... but togetherness sense)

Hopefully, the users of .76 and .91 will integrate themselves into the FWRC activities. If we all get to know each other, we'll be inclined to talk to each other... and the machines end up doing what they're made ~~for~~ <sup>to do</sup>. No, we'll not spend two hours tying up the repeater when ~~we~~ we could be on simplex. (We'll have more sense than that!)

And we'll at least answer a Q R Z... even if it's just to say "Hi, How's it going?"

FWRC is going to gain ~~also~~ by this ultimate merger. We will gain a local channel of communication which will further integrate our diverse membership. When we have activities requiring local communications, ~~we~~ we'll have the means to provide it.

As a true general interest radio club, FWRC will be able to offer its members another service. We no longer will need to depend upon other groups for this service.

We will have an opportunity to show our Code & Theory Class Technician graduates the way two-meters FM should be used. We will continue to offer an alternative life style... so to speak!





This merger should have happened years ago! The Club was ready. Well now is the time. We don't expect all FWRC members to run out and buy a new piece of 2 meter gear. And we don't expect all of the FWRA members to join us at Field Day, or the Glenbrook Exhibit, or the Banquet, or the myriad of other FWRC activities. That will all come with time. Right now, think about the coming merger. It has benefits and potential pitfalls. It offers opportunities and traps. It can increase the bond between Club members or destroy it.

Like all of our actions, this one can go two ways. The way it does go depends upon the FWRC Executive Committee, the FWRA Management Council, and the members of both groups. Support the merger! This is a logical action for FWRC and FWRA and should result in an <sup>integrated</sup> group better than the ~~individual~~ able to serve ~~their~~ <sup>its</sup> members and the hams of this area.

Comments?

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MERGER AGREEMENT: FORT WAYNE RADIO CLUB &  
FORT WAYNE REPEATER ASSOCIATION

The Management Council of the FWRA and the Executive committee of the FWRC agreed to pursue a merger of the two organizations. The details of the agreement are given below. The FWRC will be the parent organization. The FWRA will become " The Fort Wayne Repeater Association of the Fort Wayne Radio Club".

PURPOSE:

The Management Council of the FWRA and the Executive Committee of the Fort Wayne Radio Club have agreed to pursue a merger which will be mutually beneficial to both organizations as well as a powerful alliance to further the development of local amateur communications.

CONSIDERATIONS:

The FWRA offers the FWRC a fine repeater system consisting of three repeaters, two sites and an Autopatch. The system will be available to the Club to further it's pursuit of the hobby.

The FWRC offers the FWRA the support and assistance of the Club.

The FWRA will become the subordinate organization.

LONG TERM OBJECTIVES:

The Council wishes to approach this merger with caution to insure that the result will be benifical to all. We feel that the alliance should be designed so that it will be initally reversible. The Council will retain controlling interest the first year. If during the first year, the policies and objectives that have been worked out in the past continue without substantial modification, the Club will be given controlling interest the following year.

Should all proceed satisfactorily the arrangement will become permanent in a few years.

GENERAL POLICIES CF THE FORT WAYNE REPEATER ASSN.:

The FWRA has worked to make a repeater system available to Fort Wayne which is truly open to any licensed amateur. It is one which is conducted in accordance with the published ARRL guidelines. Courtesy, Consideration, and Cooperation are the rules. The Golden Rule is the ingrained principle.





The repeaters are designed to enhance the coverage of mobile and handheld radios and to provide a system for calling and answering.

Short QSO's are the standard for the repeaters.

#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1. The FWRC will appoint members to the Council. All such appointments must be approved by the members of the Council.
2. The term of the Council members shall be staggered and be for a term of 3 years. There will be no limit on reappointment.  
(The Council has provisions for a maximum of 9 members. It is the intent to appoint 3 each year. Eventually one third of the members will be appointed each year.)
3. For the first year the Club will be limited to three appointments.
4. The officers of the Council shall be elected by the Council.
5. The officers for the first year will be Messers Ketring, Hayhurst, Wozniak and Cronin.
6. The Council will make all legal and policy decisions.
7. The tenure on the Council for Messers Ketring, Hayhurst, Wozniak and Cronin will be indefinite. They will remain on the Council for at least the first year. The termination of their terms will be at their discretion.
8. The Trustee of the Repeaters must be a member of the Council.
9. The treasuries of the two organizations shall not be co-mingled. The monetary resources of the Repeaters shall be used only for the Repeaters unless otherwise directed by the Council. The Council shall not spend more than 10% of any year's income for non-Repeater purposes.
10. The current life-members of the FWRA shall continue their privileges.
11. The dues for Repeater members will remain \$12 for 1979. No member of either organization will be compelled to pay dues or become a member of the other organization. The dues for repeater privileges will be set by the Council.
12. If the assets of the Repeater Activity are liquidated, all such monies will be donated to the Indiana-Purdue Regional Campus for use in scholarships for Engineering Students.





13. The President of the FWRC shall be an ex-officio member of the FWRC Management Council. The President of the FWRA Management Council shall be an ex-officio member of the FWRC Executive Committee.

The above is the substance of the agreement of the joint meeting between between the FWRA Management Council and the Executive Committee of the FWRC on 15 February 1979.

Members FWRA MC present;

Raymond J. Cronin

James Ketring

Adolf Wozniak

David Hayhurst

Members FWRC present;

William Kindred

Jack DeTurk

Albert Burke

Ron Koczor





14 February 1979

## POINTS OF CONSIDERATION FOR MERGER BETWEEN FWRA & FWRC PURPOSE

<sup>PURSUED</sup> The Management Council of the Fort Wayne Repeater Association <sup>HAVE</sup> ~~after due consideration has decided to discuss the possibility of a~~ <sup>PURSUED A MERGER</sup> ~~merger with the Fort Wayne Radio club, We feel that the result will~~ <sup>WHICH</sup> be mutually beneficial to both organizations as well as a powerful alliance to further the development of local amateur communications.

THE EXEC  
COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
FORT WAYNE  
RADIO CLUB

## CONSIDERATIONS

The FWRA can offer The FWRC a fine repeater system with three fine repeaters, two sites, and an Autopatch system. The systems will be available to the Club to further its pursuit of the hobby.

The FWRA is willing to become the subordinate organization and allow the FWRC to appoint its members to the Management Council. In consideration, the FWRA expects the support and assistance of the club. FORT WAYNE RADIO CLUB.

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## LONG TERM DIRECTION

The Council deems it wise to approach this merger with caution to insure that the result will be beneficial to all. We feel that the alliance <sup>SHOULD</sup> ~~should~~ be designed so that it be reversable initially. ~~and~~ <sup>SHOULD</sup> all proceed satisfactorily, in a few years it will become a permanent arrangement. The Council cannot initially relinquish controlling interest until it is assured that the policies and objectives that have been worked out in the past will continue without substantial modification. ~~The Council realizes that in an organization as varied as the Club there will be various pressures to set policies which could be detrimental to the direction which has been set by the FWRA.~~

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4. The officers of the Council shall be elected by the Council.
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8. The terms on the Council for Messers Ketrine, Hayhurst, Wozniak and Cronin shall be indefinite. Their tenure will be at their discretion.
9. The treasuries of the two organizations shall not be combined. The monetary resources of the Repeater shall be used only for the Repeater unless otherwise directed by the Council. <sup>NO MORE THAN 10% OF THE INCOME CAN BE USED IN ANY YEAR FOR NON-REPEATER PURPOSES</sup>
10. The current life members of FWRA will continue their <sup>REPEATER</sup> privileges.
11. The dues for members of the Repeater will remain \$12 for 1979. No member of <sup>EITHER ORGANIZATION</sup> the Repeater will, now or in the future be <sup>OTHER ORGANIZATION,</sup> compelled to pay dues or become a member of the club if he ~~does not so choose.~~ The dues for repeater membership will be decided by the Council.
12. IF THE ASSETS OF THE FWRA ARE LIQUIDATED, ALL SUCH MONIES SHALL BE DONATED TO THE INDIANA-PURDUE REGIONAL CAMPUS FOR USE IN SCHOLARSHIPS FOR <sup>ENGINEERING</sup> ~~REPEATER~~ STUDENTS.
12. THE PRES OF FWRC SHALL BE A MEMBER, EX-OFFICIO, OF THE <sup>FWRA</sup> MANAGEMENT COUNCIL. THE PRESIDENT OF FWRC SHALL BE A MEMBER EX-OFFICIO OF THE FWRA.





14 February 1979

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3. For the first year the club shall be limited to 3 appointments, 3 for the second and as required thereafter. *INITIALLY STAGGERED TERMS.*
4. The officers of the Council shall be elected by the Council.
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10. The current life members of FWRA will continue their privileges.
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MEMBER

# THE FORT WAYNE RADIO CLUB, INC.

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MEMBER

The purpose of this paper is to define the plan to be used to merge the Fort Wayne Radio Club, Inc. (FWRC) and the Fort Wayne Repeater Association (FWRA). The plan is a two phase plan, the first being a period in which the FWRC becomes familiar with and involved in the operation of the FWRA Repeater Systems. The second phase is the merger. During the first period, both groups will actively cooperate in the Repeater Systems' functions. However, neither group will be irreversibly committed to the ultimate merger. Both groups keep their separate identities during this first phase.

Phase two occurs when both groups feel that the merger is in their best interests (and the best interests of the amateur operators in the Fort Wayne community). The merger will take place after a vote of the voting membership of FWRC. The merger will be accomplished by the assumption by FWRC of all Repeater System responsibilities.

The Repeater Systems will be run within FWRC by the Management Council. It is a goal of FWRC to keep the operation of the Repeater Systems out of the main stream of Club activity and to simply provide the Repeater Systems as a service to its members. To this end, the Management Council will have considerable authority to manage the Repeater Systems. However, because FWRC is a club, and because all FWRC activities are done in the name of, and for the benefit of the membership, ultimate control of the Repeater Systems (as for all Club activities) rests with the membership and its elected representatives, The Executive Committee. For this reason, a mechanism for control will be incorporated into the Management Council. Except for extraordinary situations, this control will not be exercised.

The merger officially occurs when the representatives of both groups sign a legal document transferring all FWRA assets and liabilities to the FWRC.

Phase one of this plan began at the March 1979 joint meeting of the FWRC Executive Committee and the FWRA Management Council.

As a goal, the October 1979 meeting of FWRC has been set for the merger vote. This will allow the new dues structure to be implemented for 1980.





## FWRC/FWRA MERGER PLAN SUMMARY

- PHASE I. a) Both FWRC and FWRA keep their separate identities, liabilities treasuries, officers, etc.
- b) FWRC places its members on the FWRA Management Council to become familiar with the Repeater Systems and FWRA operations.
- PHASE II. a) The Management Council becomes a function of FWRC, answerable to the Executive Committee.
- b) FWRA ceases to exist. Its assets are transferred to FWRC in a legal transaction.

### Individual Responsibilities During Phase I

- FWRC: 1) FWRC will add all FWRA members to the FWRC mailing list. Issues of the monthly newsletter will be sent to all FWRA members.
- 2) The Executive Committee of FWRC will appoint FWRC members to the FWRA Management Council. The first appointment, in March 1979, will consist of three members.
- 3) The FWRC Executive Committee will have access to any FWRA business, management, or technical information it needs to support its merger decision. Similarly, FWRC will provide any information requested by the Management Council to support its merger decision.
- 4) The FWRC Executive Committee will do nothing to consummate the merger, nor agree to any permanent commitments, without, a vote of the FWRC membership.
- FWRA: 1) FWRA will reimburse FWRC for the extra costs associated with newsletter mailings to FWRA members who are not members of FWRC.
- 2) FWRA Management Council will integrate the FWRC appointees into the workings of the FWRA. All open positions on the Management Council will be filled thru the FWRC Executive Committee.
- 3) FWRA will cooperate fully with the FWRC Executive Committee and assist the Executive Committee in its merger decision.





- 4) The FWRA Management Council will provide inputs to the Hamsplatter.
- 5) FWRA will provide the Repeater Systems with a station trustee who is a member of the Management Council and who is willing to become an active participant in the repeater activities.

Phase I will end when the membership of FWRC votes to merge. The vote will take place at a regular FWRC meeting and will be followed by the signing of a legal document transferring all FWRA assets to the FWRC, Inc.

As a goal, this vote will take place at the October 1979 meeting.



## Phase 14 Organization and Responsibilities

- 1) FWRC will assume all legal, monetary, management, and technical responsibility for the FWRA Repeater Systems. A formal agreement will be consummated and signed by the Presidents and Treasurers of each organization.
- 2) The Management Council will become a function of the FWRC, subject to the FWRC Constitution and By-laws. The Council will continue to run the Repeater Systems of FWRC. The Management Council will be responsible for operating and maintaining the Repeater Systems in full compliance with all pertinent FCC Rules and Regulations. The Management Council will be responsible and answerable to the Executive Committee. However, the Management Council will have complete fiscal authority to manage the Repeater Systems within the budgetary constraints imposed by the number of FWRC members paying dues for the use of the Repeater Systems in a given year. The Management Council will have authority to make management decisions required for the normal operation of the Systems. All major policy decisions affecting the Systems or their operation will, however, be subject to Executive Committee approval.
- 3) Any System requirements for money beyond the established annual budget will be presented to the Executive Committee and membership by the Management Council for approval.
- 4) The Executive Committee will make all appointments and fill all vacancies on the Management Council with the advice and consent of the Management Council.
- 5) The term of each appointment will be three years with no limit on reappointment. The terms will be staggered to assure continuity.
- 6) The officers of the Council will be elected by the Council members and approved by the Executive Committee.
- 7) The officers for the first year will be R. Cronin, D. Hayhurst, J. Ketring, and A. Wozniak.
- 8) The trustee of the Systems will be an active member of the Council.
- 9) A FWRC checking account will be established for Management Council funds. Two Council officers will have check signing authority. The Council budget will be set each year based upon the number of FWRC members electing to pay for repeater privileges. All dues will be paid to the FWRC Treasurer. He will then determine the amount to





be transferred to the Management Council account and will make such transfer in a timely manner. Once established, this budget will not be committable to non-repeater activities. The Treasurer of the Management Council will report the status of the Management Council funds to the Executive Committee each month, and to the FWRC membership at least twice each year at a regular meeting.

- 10) The life members of FWRA as of March 1979 will become life members of FWRC. These members are Roger Parkerson, K9OET, and William Trulock, K9RKA.
- 11)
  - a) The dues of the FWRC, with full repeater privileges will be \$14.
  - b) The dues for FWRC without repeater privileges will be \$5.
  - c) Associate, Student, and Family membership will also be available.
  - d) The Management Council budget for each year will equal the number of members paying for repeater privileges times \$10. In addition, any carryover from previous years will remain in the Council budget.
- 12) The President of the Council will appoint a member of the Council to be a non-voting member of the Executive Committee. This member will be expected to attend the regularly scheduled meetings of the Executive Committee. Similarly, the President of FWRC will appoint a member of the Executive Committee to be a non-voting member of the Council. This member will be expected to attend the regularly scheduled meetings of the Council.
- 13) The Management Council will be expected to establish and adhere to a regular schedule of Council business meetings. These meetings will be open to interested FWRC members on a space-available basis.
- 14) The Council will have the authority to establish any committee it feels necessary to guarantee the efficient management and operation of the Systems.
- 15) The FWRC carries liability insurance to protect itself from suit. Any insurance coverage required for operation of the Systems will be obtained as part of the overall FWRC coverage. The Council will determine what coverage is required and will direct the FWRC Treasurer to obtain such coverage. The cost of coverage for the Systems will be borne by the Council.





# ALLEN COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO TECHNICAL SOCIETY

P. O. BOX 342  
FORT WAYNE, INDIANA 46801



March 16, 1979

TO: The Executive Board of the Fort Wayne Radio Club  
FROM: Elected officers of the Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society

Re: The proposed merger of the Fort Wayne Radio Club and the Fort Wayne Repeater Association

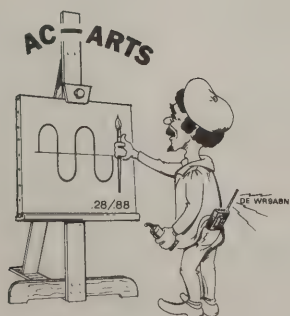
Greetings:

There has certainly been a lot of discussion lately regarding the proposed merger of FWRC and FWRA. Many members of these organizations, as well as some members of AC-ARTS have expressed opinions both pro and con to officers of the AC-ARTS. Recognizing the fact many area amateur radio operators hold membership in two or more of these organizations, we felt it would be proper to transmit to you the official position of AC-ARTS officers. Attached you will find a resolution which has been approved and signed by these officers.

It must be understood this resolution in no way prohibits the expression of opinions regarding the proposed action, by any AC-ARTS member who holds membership in either the Fort Wayne Radio Club or the Fort Wayne Repeater Association, or who wishes to address the issue as an individual. Such statements must not be construed, however, to represent the position of elected officials of AC-ARTS. The officers of AC-ARTS Incorporated recognize their lack of jurisdiction in this business matter.

Best of 73's,

Dick Reid, N9AKZ  
Secretary, AC-ARTS Inc.





"RESOLUTION OF THE ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE ALLEN COUNTY AMATEUR  
RADIO TECHNICAL SOCIETY, INCORPORATED"

Re: The proposed merger of the Fort Wayne Radio Club (FWRC) and  
the Fort Wayne Repeater Association (FWRA).

The elected officers of the Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society, Incorporated (or AC-ARTS), here by adopts in executive session, the following position regarding the proposed merger agreement between FWRC and FWRA.

"We recognize the right of FWRC and FWRA, as two (2) corporations registered with the Secretary of State of Indiana, to propose, consider and finalize changes in their corporate structure. While it is wise for both parties to proceed in this action with caution, as is the case in any business deal, we also recognize the fact that AC-ARTS, although an interested party, has no right to intervene either formally or informally in the proposed action.

"Further, be it known, through this resolution, the elected officers of AC-ARTS take no position in regards to this transaction, and any statements of this nature are made without support of officers of AC-ARTS. This resolution does not, however, prohibit AC-ARTS members, to, either as individuals or member of FWRC or FWRA or both, to make known their feelings in this regard."

Agreed to this 15 day of March, 1979.

Lou Phillips, N9IU

Lou Phillips, N9IU President

Dick Reed

Dick Reed, N9AKZ, Secretary

Robert C. Lipp

Robert Lipp, WRNIE, Sta. Mgr.

Robert Rontempo, WB9SDP

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Rich Wagar, KV4GC, Emergency Prep.

Robert Schram, K9KIV, Fund Raising

cc: resolution and memo to officers/FWRC & AC-ARTS file.





# FWRA

## FORT WAYNE REPEATER ASSOCIATION, INC.

31 March 1979

The Fort Wayne Radio Club  
4874 Woodway Drive  
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46815  
Attn; Bill Kindred

Dear Bill,

This is to confirm our telecon regarding the new merger agreement presented to us by the FWRC. This is your draft dated 30 March 1979.

After a careful review, the FWRA must regretfully decline the proposal. 8 of the 13 points in the original agreement were either substantially modified or eliminated. 4 of these points are non-negotiable.

It was the understanding of the Management Council that we had an agreement subject to ratification of the Club members. The differences appear to be too large to reconcile before our 1 May 1979 deadline therefore for all practical purposes, unless the Club should decide to abide by the February agreement, Phase 1 is negated.

We are preparing a letter for publication to inform our members of a failure in the negotiations. As I mentioned to you I will get together with you regarding the content of that letter so that we can present an amicable joint public announcement. We hope to leave the door ajar for future talks should the opportunity present itself.

Since we initiated and bargained in a friendly spirit we of the Management Council hope that they can be concluded in





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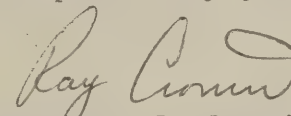
## FORT WAYNE REPEATER ASSOCIATION, INC.

in the same fashion. We both have an honest difference of opinion of how to best serve the local Amateur Repeater community. We respect your opinion and the openness of that position. It is far better to air it now than to hope the difference will go away a year from now when Phase 2 was scheduled to start.

I am sure that the Executive Committee recognizes that some of the disclosures of FWRA business and policies is confidential and privileged information. The disclosure by us was done in a spirit of willing interchange to enhance the negotiations. Accidental disclosure could seriously harm the Fort Wayne Repeater Association.

The best of luck in your pursuit of the hobby. Do not hesitate to call us if at some future time you should desire to reopen the discussions.

Respectfully yours



Raymond J. Cronin, K9KI  
President FWRA

cc; A. Wozniak, WA9WTJ V-P  
J. Ketring, WB9HDL Sec.  
D. Hayhurst, WA9SUS Treas.





MEMBER

# THE FORT WAYNE RADIO CLUB, INC.

SINCE 1920



MEMBER

OFFICE OF President

April 8, 1979

Fort Wayne Repeater Association, Inc.  
Post Office Box 5049  
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46895

Attn: Ray Cronin

Dear Ray,

I am in receipt of your letter dated March 31, 1979. We too, the members of the FWRC Executive Committee, are dissapointed that the merger plans have been cancelled by the FWRA.

We feel that it was presumptuous on your part to think that the "original agreement" as presented by you at our joint board meeting would be accepted with open arms or eyes closed.

We would like to point out that our Executive Committee, unlike your Board of Directors is answerable to the Club membership for our actions, Therefore we had to slow the pace down and allow our membership to express their views to us, likewise we felt it necessary to investigate the overall status of the FWRA. Some of the information we found is as follows:

1. The FWRA antennas must be removed from the Channel 21 tower.
2. The FWRA is not incorporated with the State Of Indiana. (See inclosed letter).
3. An attorney informs us that as a result of item #2 some degree of liability may be placed on the individual members of FWRA.
4. There is a rumor brought about by some of the "old timers" of FWRA that the Founders have a document giving them ownership of the repeater.







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# THE FORT WAYNE RADIO CLUB, INC.

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Several times in our discussions it has been mentioned that certain things with regard to the merger had to be done in a certain manner as a result of your Constitution. More than a few times we have asked to see a copy of that document to no avail.

On the positive side, since the proposed merger has been made public, several people from both groups, people who have been somewhat inactive in recent years, have expressed a desire to us to help in the merger according to their capabilities. In one case a person paid dues to both groups having never been a member of one and absent from the others membership for several years.

The FWRC proposal to the FWRA Board will be printed in the Hamsplatter for the information of all concerned. The Executive Committee will be requested to keep the information contained in this letter as well as other information brought out in our meetings confidential.

Let me close by saying that we still feel that the merger would be most beneficial to both groups as well as the Ham community of Northeast Indiana. We think that the FWRA should re-examine their position and put the merger back on schedule.

73

*Bill Kindred*

William E. Kindred, WA9RAP  
for Fort Wayne Radio Club

Incl:

cc; A. Wozniak  
J. Ketring  
D. Hayhurst  
Executive Committee, FWRC







LARRY A. CONRAD  
SECRETARY OF STATE

STATE OF INDIANA

INDIANAPOLIS 46204

Dear Mr. Koczor;

The cost for the Fort Wayne Repeater Assn, Inc.  
to get in good standing with the State will be:

\$1.00 for 72

\$10.00 for each year there after

\$26.00 for a reinstatement cert.

I hope that this is of some help to you.

Patty Hodges

*FWRA non-profit corporate status  
revoked on June 30, 1978.  
Last annual report filed in 1971.*



